

REMARKS

Claims 26, 33, 43, 50-53, 56 and 59 are amended. Claims 34, 35, 44 and 45 are canceled. Claims 26-33, 36-43 and 46-61 are in the application for consideration.

Independent claims 26, 33, 56 and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,111,225 to Ohkase et al., while independent claims 43 and 53 are rejected as being obvious over Ohkase et al. Claims 26, 33 and 43 have been amended to recite formation of a gas-tight seal between the passageway and the chamber. Such is clearly contemplated by Applicant's disclosure as-filed, for example in the figures and in the first complete paragraph on page 10 and the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 of the specification as-filed. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

Claims 50-53, 56 and 59 are amended to recite that the chamber liner apparatus comprises opposing sidewall sections having inner faces and a base extending from and received between the opposing sidewall inner faces.

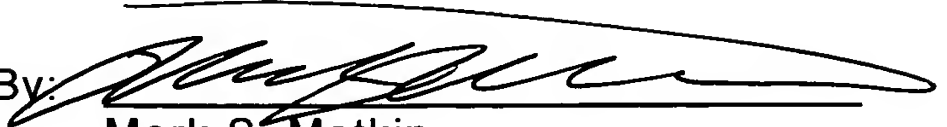
By such amendments, such are believed to overcome the Examiner's observation in paragraphs 36 and 37 of the September 20, 2005 Office Action. Accordingly, such claims should now be allowed essentially for the reasons previously asserted by Applicant in its July 5, 2005 filed response. Action to that end is requested.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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